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Identical letters dated 11 August 2006 from the Permanent Observer of Palestine to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General and the President of the Security Council

Israel, the occupying Power, continues to commit grave breaches of international humanitarian law, including acts constituting war crimes and State terrorism, against the Palestinian civilian population under its belligerent occupation. Throughout the Occupied Palestinian Territory, in particular the Gaza Strip, the disproportionate and indiscriminate use of force by the occupying forces continues to tragically claim the lives of more innocent Palestinian civilians.

On Wednesday, 9 August 2006, Israeli warplanes fired at least two missiles onto the civilian population residing in the Al-Nafaq neighbourhood in Gaza City. The indiscriminate missile attack killed three Palestinians, including a 3-year-old child and a 17-year-old boy. Many other innocent bystanders were injured. Also on Wednesday, Israeli occupying forces committed an extrajudicial execution in the Jenin refugee camp in the West Bank, killing two more Palestinians. In that attack, Israeli warplanes fired at least three missiles onto the camp causing a huge explosion that caused damage to several neighbouring houses. Several Palestinians living in the refugee camp were injured by flying shards of glass and debris.

In addition to death and destruction, the Palestinian population continues to be terrorized by the constant barrage of artillery shelling and the excruciating sound of Israeli warplanes hovering over their cities, towns and villages. Israel, the occupying Power, has also continued with its campaign of psychological warfare against the Palestinian population, especially in the Gaza Strip, which includes dropping leaflets in streets and on the roofs of houses, phoning civilians and threatening to destroy their houses and ordering a number of Palestinians through calls to their mobile phones to evacuate their houses, which would be destroyed. Such practices continue to spread fear and panic among a population already suffering from severe psychological trauma under Israel's brutal occupation.

The barbaric attacks committed by Israel against Lebanon continue to inflict immense human suffering among the civilian Lebanese population, including the

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refugee Palestinian population. On Wednesday, 9 August 2006, Israeli gunboats shelled Ain Al-Hilweh camp, which is home to Lebanon's largest Palestinian refugee population and is located on the outskirts of the port city of Sidon. As a result of Israel's military aggression, two Palestinian refugees were killed and at least eight others were injured, including five children. The United Nations Relief and Works Agency for Palestine Refugees in the Near East voiced its concern about the situation and its affect on the already dire humanitarian situation in the camp. Moreover, Israel has also unleashed its aggression on other Palestinian refugee camps throughout Lebanon, including Al-Rashideyeh camp located on the outskirts of the southern Lebanese city of Tyre, causing many injuries to the refugee population and exacerbating their already difficult living conditions.

The present letter is in follow-up to our previous 260 letters to you regarding the ongoing crisis in the Occupied Palestinian Territory, including East Jerusalem, since 28 September 2000. These letters, dated from 29 September 2000 (A/55/432-S/2000/921) to 7 August 2006 (A/ES-10/353-S/2006/623), constitute a basic record of the crimes being committed by Israel, the occupying Power, against the Palestinian people since September 2000. Moreover, we reiterate that for all of these war crimes, State terrorism and systematic human rights violations committed against the Palestinian people, Israel, the occupying Power, must be held accountable and the perpetrators must be brought to justice.

In follow-up to the above-mentioned letters, it is my profound regret that the five Palestinians killed on Wednesday, 9 August 2006 raises the total number of martyrs killed since September 2000 to 4,154. (The names of the martyrs that have been identified are listed in the annex to the present letter.)

I should grateful if you would arrange to have the present letter and its annex distributed as a document of the tenth emergency special session of the General Assembly, under agenda item 5, and of the Security Council.

(*Signed*) Riyad **Mansour**
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Annex to the identical letters dated 11 August 2006 from the Permanent Observer of Palestine to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General and the President of the Security Council

Names of martyrs killed by the Israeli occupying forces in the Occupied Palestinian Territory, including East Jerusalem* (Wednesday, 9 August 2006)

Wednesday, 9 August 2006

1. Rajaa' Abu Sha'ban (3 years old)
2. Mohammad Ateeq
3. Ahmad Al-Ajami
4. Ramadan Al-Majdalawi
5. Ahmad Al-Mis'hal (17 years old)

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* The total number of Palestinian martyrs killed by the Israeli occupying forces since 28 September 2000 is 4,154.